

and she may file a joint return under sections 2 and 6013(a)(3). That part of the distributive share attributable to the decedent for the period ending with the date of his death (January 1 through March 31, 1955) is income in respect of a decedent under section 691.

*Example 4.* M is a member of partnership JKM which operates on a calendar year. M and his wife S file joint returns for calendar years. In accordance with the partnership agreement, M designated S to succeed to his interest in the partnership upon his death. M, who had withdrawn \$10,000 from the partnership before his death, dies on October 20, 1955. S's distributive share of income for the taxable year 1955 is \$15,000 (\$10,000 of which represents the amount withdrawn by M). S shall include \$15,000 in her income, even though M received \$10,000 of this amount before his death. S may file a joint return with M for the year 1955 under sections 2 and 6013(a). That part of the \$15,000 distributive share attributable to the decedent for the period ending with the date of his death (January 1 through October 20, 1955) is income in respect of a decedent under section 691.

(4) *Disposition of less than entire interest.* If a partner sells or exchanges a part of his interest in a partnership, or if the interest of a partner is reduced, the partnership taxable year shall continue to its normal end. In such case, the partner's distributive share of items which he is required to include in his taxable income under the provisions of section 702(a) shall be determined by taking into account his varying interests in the partnership during the partnership taxable year in which such sale, exchange, or reduction of interest occurred.

(5) *Transfer of interest by gift.* The transfer of a partnership interest by gift does not close the partnership taxable year with respect to the donor. However, the income up to the date of gift attributable to the donor's interest shall be allocated to him under section 704(e)(2).

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**§ 1.706-1T Taxable years of certain partnerships (temporary).**

(a) *Taxable year determined by reference to the partners—(1) In general.* If for any taxable year a partnership's taxable year cannot be determined by reference to the taxable year of its

partners owning a majority interest in partnership profits and capital (as described in section 706(b)(1)(B)(i)) or by reference to the taxable year of all its principal partners (as described in section 706(b)(1)(B)(ii)), then the partnership must determine its taxable year under section 706(b)(1)(B)(iii). Under section 706(b)(1)(B)(iii), the taxable year of the partnership, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, shall be the taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners (as determined under paragraph (a)(2) of this section). See § 1.706-3T(a) for special rules which provide that certain tax-exempt partners are disregarded.

(2) *Taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral of income.* The taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral of income will be the taxable year of one or more of the partners in the partnership which will result in the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners. The aggregate deferral for a particular year is equal to the sum of the products determined by multiplying the month(s) of deferral for each partner that would be generated by that year and each partner's interest in partnership profits for that year. The partner's taxable year that produces the lowest sum when compared to the other partner's taxable years is the taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners. If the calculation results in more than one taxable year qualifying as the taxable year with the least aggregate deferral, the partnership may select any one of those taxable years as its taxable year. However, if one of the qualifying taxable years is also the partnership's existing taxable year, the partnership must maintain its existing taxable year. The determination of the taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral of income shall generally be made as of the beginning of the partnership's current taxable year. The district director, however, may determine that the first day of the current taxable year is not the appropriate testing day and require the use of some other day or period that will more accurately reflect the ownership of the partnership and thereby the actual aggregate deferral

to the partners where the partners engage in a transaction that has as its principal purpose the avoidance of the principles of this section. Thus, for example the preceding sentence would apply where there is a transfer of an interest in the partnership that results in a temporary transfer of that interest principally for purposes of qualifying for a specific taxable year under the principles of this section. For purposes of this section, deferral to each partner is measured in terms of months from the end of the partnership's taxable year forward to the end of the partner's taxable year.

(3) *Determination of the taxable year of a partner or partnership that uses a 52-53 week taxable year.* For purposes of the calculation described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, the taxable year of a partner or partnership that uses a 52-53 week taxable year shall be the same year determined under the rules of section 441(f) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the inclusion of income by the partner or partnership.

(4) *Special de minimis rule.* If the taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral produces an aggregate deferral that is less than .5 when compared to the aggregate deferral of the current taxable year, the partnership's current taxable year shall be treated as the taxable year with the least aggregate deferral. Thus, the partnership will not be permitted to change its taxable year. However, this de minimis rule will not apply to the first taxable period beginning after December 31, 1986.

(b) *Business purpose.* A partnership may have a taxable year other than the year described in paragraph (a) of this section if it establishes, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, a business purpose for such taxable year in accordance with and under the procedures established in § 1.442-1(b)(1). For purposes of this paragraph (b), any deferral of income to partners shall not be treated as a business purpose.

(c) *Procedural requirements and effective date—(1) In general.* The change in accounting period required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be treated as initiated by the partnership and

made with the consent of the Commissioner. To effect the change, a partnership must show that the requirements of this section are satisfied in a statement setting forth the computations required to establish the taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners under paragraph (a) of this section. The partnership must attach the statement to the income tax return for the short period involved in the changes and must indicate the following at the top of page 1 of the return: "FILED UNDER § 1.706-1T."

(2) *Effective date—(i) In general.* Except as provided in paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section, the rules of this section are effective for partnership taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986.

(ii) *Special rule for first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986.* A partnership otherwise required to change its accounting period for its first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986 to a year resulting in the least aggregate deferral of income to its partners under paragraph (a) of this section, may, at its option, delay the application of the rules of that paragraph until its first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1987. In such a case, the partnership must conform its first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986 to the calendar year and must apply the rules of paragraph (a) of this section to its first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1987. See § 1.702-3T(a)(1) regarding the availability of a 4-year spread provision with respect to a partnership required to change its taxable year for its first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986.

(iii) *Special eligibility for 4-year spread; years beginning after December 31, 1987.* Notwithstanding the provisions of § 1.702-3T(a)(1) limiting the availability of the 4-year spread provisions to a partnership's first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986, if—

(A) A partnership is required under section 706(b)(1)(B)(iii) and paragraph (a) of this section to change to a taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners for a partnership's first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1987,

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(B) The partnership did exercise its option, as provided in paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section, to delay the application of the rules of paragraph (a) of this section until the partnership's first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1987, and

(C) The partnership would have been required to change its accounting period under section 706(b)(1)(B)(iii) and paragraph (a) of this section for its first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986, if paragraph (a) of this section had been applicable to such taxable year, the partners in the partnership will be eligible to utilize the 4-year spread provision provided in § 1.702-3T (subject to the other requirements of that section) with respect to the partnership's change in accounting period required under section 706(b)(1)(B)(iii) and paragraph (a) of this section for the partnership's first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1987.

(d) *Examples.* The principles of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

*Example 1.* Partnership P is on a fiscal year ending June 30. Partner A reports income on the fiscal year ending June 30 and Partner B reports income on the fiscal year ending July 31. A and B each have a 50 percent interest in partnership profits. For its taxable year beginning July 1, 1987, the partnership will be required to retain its taxable year since the fiscal year ending June 30 results in the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners. This determination is made as follows:

Test 6/30	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 6/30 Year End	Interest x Deferral
Partner A .....	6/30	.5	0	0
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	1	.5
Aggregate deferral .....				.5

  

Test 7/31	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 7/31 Year End	Interest x Deferral
Partner A .....	6/30	.5	11	5.5
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	0	0
Aggregate deferral .....				5.5

*Example 2.* The facts are the same as in *Example 1* except that A reports income on the calendar year and B reports on the fiscal year ending November 30. For the partner-

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ship's taxable year beginning July 1, 1987, the partnership is required to change its taxable year to a fiscal year ending November 30 because such year results in the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners. This determination is made as follows:

Test 12/31	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 12/31 Year End	Interest x Deferral
Partner A .....	12/31	.5	0	0
Partner B .....	11/30	.5	11	5.5
Aggregate deferral .....				5.5

  

Test 11/30	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 11/30 Year End	Interest x Deferral
Partner A .....	12/31	.5	1	.5
Partner B .....	11/30	.5	0	0
Aggregate deferral .....				.5

*Example 3.* The facts are the same as in *Example 2* except that B reports income on the fiscal year ending June 30. For the partnership's taxable year beginning July 1, 1987, each partner's taxable year will result in identical aggregate deferral of income. If the partnership's current taxable year was neither a fiscal year ending June 30 nor the calendar year, the partnership would select either the fiscal year ending June 30 or the calendar year as its taxable year. However, since the partnership's current taxable year ends June 30, it must retain its current taxable year.

Test 12/31	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 12/31 Year End	Interest x Deferral
Partner A .....	12/31	.5	0	0
Partner B .....	6/30	.5	6	3.0
Aggregate deferral .....				3.0

  

Test 6/30	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 6/30 Year End	Interest x Deferral
Partner A .....	12/31	.5	6	3.0
Partner B .....	6/30	.5	0	0
Aggregate deferral .....				3.0

*Example 4.* The facts are the same as in *Example 1* except that on December 31, 1987, partner A sells a 4 percent interest in the partnership to Partner C, who reports income on the fiscal year ending June 30, and a 40 percent interest in the partnership to Partner D, who also reports income on the fiscal year ending June 30. The taxable year beginning July 1, 1987, is unaffected by the sale. However, for the taxable year beginning

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July 31, 1988, the partnership must determine the taxable year resulting in the least aggregate deferral as of July 1, 1988. In this case, the partnership will be required to retain its taxable year since the fiscal year ending June 30 continues to be the taxable year that results in the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners.

*Example 5.* The facts are the same as in *Example 4* except that Partner D reports income on the fiscal year ending April 30. As in *Example 4*, the taxable year during which the sale took place is unaffected by the shifts in interests. However, for its taxable year beginning July 1, 1988, the partnership will be required to change its taxable year to the fiscal year ending April 30. This determination is made as follows:

Test 7/31	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 7/31 Year End	Interest x Deferral.
Partner A .....	6/30	.06	11	.66
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	0	0
Partner C .....	6/30	.04	11	.44
Partner D .....	4/30	.4	9	3.60
Aggregate deferral .....				4.70

Test 6/30	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 6/30 Year End	Interest x Deferral.
Partner A .....	6/30	.06	0	0
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	1	.5
Partner C .....	6/30	.04	0	0
Partner D .....	4/30	.4	10	4.0
Aggregate deferral .....				4.5

Test 4/30	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Months of Deferral for 4/30 Year End	Interest x Deferral.
Partner A .....	6/30	.06	2	.12
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	3	1.50
Partner C .....	6/30	.04	2	.08
Partner D .....	4/30	.4	0	0
Aggregate deferral .....				1.70

### § 1.706-1T(a)(4) Test:

Current taxable year (June 30) .....	4.5
Less: Taxable year producing the least aggregate deferral (April 30) .....	1.7
Additional aggregate deferral (greater than .5) .....	2.8

*Example 6.* Partnership P has two partners, A who reports income on the fiscal year ending March 31, and B who reports income on the fiscal year ending July 31. A and B share profits equally. P has determined its taxable year under § 1.706-1T(a)(2) to be the fiscal year ending March 31 as follows:

Test 3/31	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Deferral for 3/31 Year End	Interest x Deferral.
Partner A .....	3/31	.5	0	0
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	4	2
Aggregate deferral .....				2

Test 7/31	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Deferral for 7/31 Year End	Interest x Deferral.
Partner A .....	3/31	.5	8	4
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	0	0
Aggregate deferral .....				4

In May 1988, Partner A sells a 45 percent interest in the partnership to C, who reports income on the fiscal year ending April 30. For the taxable period beginning April 1, 1989, the fiscal year ending April 30 is the taxable year that produces the least aggregate deferral of income to the partners. However, under paragraph (a)(4) of this section the partnership is required to retain its fiscal year ending March 31. This determination is made as follows:

Test 3/31	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Deferral for 3/31 Year End	Interest x Deferral.
Partner A .....	3/31	.05	0	0
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	4	2.0
Partner C .....	4/30	.45	1	.45
Aggregate deferral .....				2.45

Test 7/31	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Deferral for 7/31 year end	Interest Deferral
Partner A .....	3/31	.05	8	.40
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	0	0
Partner C .....	4/30	.45	9	4.05
Aggregate deferral .....				4.45

Test 4/30	Year End	Interest in Partnership Profits	Deferral for 4/30 year end	Interest Deferral
Partner A .....	3/31	.05	11	.55
Partner B .....	7/31	.5	3	1.50
Partner C .....	4/30	.45	0	0
Aggregate deferral .....				2.05

### § 1.706-1T(a)(4) Test:

Current taxable year (3/31) .....	2.45
Less: Taxable year producing the least aggregate deferral (4/30) .....	2.05
Additional aggregate deferral (less than .5) .....	.40

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